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It's Picnic Season!

Photo by Lou Zauner

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The Biggest Picnic of the Year **Residential Care**

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American Legion Weekend 2008

By Lou Zauner; photos by Glen Nock, Lou Zauner



Friday, August 1, was the beginning of a three-event extravaganza courtesy of the benevolent American Legion Posts that contribute so much throughout the year to the Veterans Home.

The first event was the Annual Golf Tournament, this year sponsored as a memorial for Hank Ondler

and with 48 official “sign-ups” in participation. The actual “driving,” “chipping,” and “putting,” was followed by a grand picnic at the Main Picnic Grounds attended by a crowd of over 100, and included Secretary of Veterans Affairs Tom Johnson, who not only participated in the tournament but also was a member of the winning team of Lennox, Ellicott,

Johnson and Gilb. A vast number of prizes were awarded to the winners of tournament contests: such as “longest drive,” “best four-some score,” “longest putt,” etc. Even prizes for those who lost the most balls (replacements) and the team that “scored last.” Once again, the dedication of the American Legion was demonstrated with all proceeds from the tournament donated for the Home and its Members.

The second event was the American Legion Baseball Tournament at Borman Field. The American Legion baseball program was introduced nationally in 1926 in hope that “through clean, hard play on the diamond, a measure of sportsmanship, citizenship and character might be absorbed by the nation’s youth.” Nearly 100 players participated in games which started on Saturday, August 2, and continued through Tuesday, August 5. Teams were from Fairfield, Burlingame, Merced, Lakewood, San Bernardino and Covina. Home Administrator Marcella McCormack said it all: “On behalf of the State of California Department of Veterans Affairs and the 1,100 veterans who call this their home, it is indeed a pleasure to welcome the American Legion Baseball Tournament back to the Veterans Home and Borman Field. Support of American Legion

Baseball provides the opportunity for our young people to learn the value of team effort, and that when working together as a team almost anything can be accomplished.”

The third event was the outstanding Annual American Legion Picnic. On Sunday August 3, the site again was the Main Picnic Grounds accompanied by perfect weather and which hosted an enormous crowd of nearly 600. In addition to the bonanza of food served: hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and cookies, the beverages were water, soft drinks, beer and wine served to seated Higher-Care Residents by a multitude of volunteers. With the large attendance, lines were long but made shorter by sips of beverage and good conversation. And, the stage featured Vickie Guillory & The Sugar Cats” for great entertainment, performing vocals and playing their “Blues, Jazz, Funk and More.” Also, the thoughtful “ditty bags” containing food, playing cards, a desk calculator and a good supply of ballpoint pens, were again distributed to Home Members for a fond remembrance of American Legion Picnic 2008.

A multitude of thanks to our great American Legion Friends for another Annual Weekend of fun and generosity.



Area Elks host BBQ

Photo and article by Al Russell



Rancho ER Kathy Cobb serving.



Woodland Elk Don Hall helps vet



Seventy-three volunteers from eleven different Elks Lodges in California's North Central area gathered at the Yountville Veterans Home/Hospital on August 9th 2008 to feed about 300 Veterans who are residents or patients at the Home. This year's annual event provided BBQ Tri-Tip, Chicken, Sausages, Hamburgers, and all the trimmings. Included in the feast were several patients from the Pathway Home Project. These are Veterans from combat in Iraq and Afghanistan who have lost a limb or are suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome.

Through the Elks' "Catch The Spirit" (CTS) Project, several patients are taking advantage of the Sacramento "Paws For Vets" program which provides training and "Service Dogs" to the Veterans free of charge. The CTS project also provided sixty jackets, 1 ½ pallets of drinks, and 1 pallet of pastries to the Veterans. The Elks Lodges participating in the event were: Carmichael, Elk Grove, Folsom, Jackson, Marysville, Placerville, Rancho Cordova, Roseville, Sacramento, West Sacramento, and Woodland.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks have long supported Veterans of the United States. They were responsible for the very first hospitals to support Veterans from World War I, and have adopted the philosophy that: "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of

Elks will never forget them." If anyone would like to make a difference and become a participant in the many Elks charitable programs, please contact the Elks Lodge nearest you.

PSVP Mel Keeter and other Elks escort the Hospital residents to the picnic.



Veterans of Foreign Wars Picnic

By Lou Zauner; photos by Glen Nock, Lou Zauner

Another perfect weather day for VFW Picnic 2008! Sunday, July 27, brought over 300 Home Members, Hospital Residents, Staff and volunteers to the Main Picnic Grounds for another sumptuous buffet luncheon of hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and baked beans and more plus the beverages of soft drinks, wines and beer.

For entertainment a quartet of four ladies, the Singing Blue Stars of the USS Hornet, provided songs and music from the WW11 era; and then added a special off-stage concert for a group of youngsters.



During the brief ceremonies presented by Veterans of Foreign Wars, another considerate donation for the Veterans Home of 1,000 was presented to Home Administrator Marcella McCormack.

Again, sincere thanks and appreciation go to the VFW for their dedication and generosity to the Home and its Members.

Sue Wells, Gwen Rankin and Shirley Calvert



Herb Hillaker, Rocky Hockehull, and Brock McMahon.



A \$1000 donation was presented by State Pres. Kay Fuller and accepted by Administrator Marcella McCormack



Talent Show 2008

By Lou Zauner; photos by Glen Nock, Chris Williams, Lou Zauner



The Annual Veterans Home Talent Show presented on Tuesday, August 12, at Lincoln Theater and again on Wednesday, August 13, in the Hospital Recreation Area; proved again what remarkable performers we have in our midst to present gala afternoon performances. Nearly 15 acts in the first half followed by 10 acts in the second half of the show, and over 75 performers and supporting talent contributed to the two afternoons of lively entertainment.



Rita Umphries, as Master of Ceremonies, eloquently introduced the participants injecting some humor along the way with her repertoire of stories and moving the show along to a Grand Finale presenting all the performers on stage for their final bow. And many thanks to Ellen Patterson, The Jammers, the Drill Team, Senior Chorale and all the participants for their hard work and dedication.

Good music, good vocals, good instrumentals, good dancing--what else was needed! It was a good show, getting better each year and watch for announcements of the next auditions and performances--in 2009.





A letter to the Veteran's home

After attending the Service of Remembrance at the Veteran's Home in Yountville for my father-in-law I was reminded of so many wonderful experiences he had while he was a resident. Robert Adams passed away on June 6, 2008 just days short of his 85th birthday. A long time Napa resident and WWII vet he called the Veteran's home his home for the past 4 years. Family members visited him often and always heard nothing but praise for the care he received. His medical care and attention was superb, something he always noted in every conversation. He never had to make an appointment or even remember one. It was always taken care of for him. All he had to do was look at the reminder note on his door. Whether it was a huge medical problem or a small one, he never worried. The Veteran's Medical Team never let him down. In emergencies he was picked up and taken to the appropriate facilities, family was immediately notified and progress monitored. His family always knew that the care was the BEST!

Aside from this, his life at the Veteran's Home was full! He cherished the friendships he made. He played cards, visited the Library everyday and used the work-out room! He was always up for seeing a movie or attending a concert at the Lincoln Theatre. He attended church services regularly. He loved his job as an Escort at the hospital. Even though the job required walking and he needed a walker himself in the last few months, his job was secure and people happily worked around his needs and schedule. Often when we would come to visit he would let us know that work came first and he would see us after work for dinner. :) As for dinner, well he loved the food. He felt it was a great balanced diet and loved the atmosphere in the Dining Hall. He enjoyed sitting around the Dining Hall, talking to others and getting "seconds" on Lemon Pie! He took advantage of all that the Veteran's Home has to offer.

The Service of Remembrance was touching, well thought-out and personal. The music selection was lovely. The soloists were wonderful. The ceremony was perfect in every way. What a wonderful touch to have an assortment of refreshments in the adjoining room. The 21 gun salute, flag ceremony and Taps at the graveside were lovely touches. In short, the entire morning from start to finish exceeded our expectations. Thank you.

From the first day Robert Adams moved into the Veteran's Home he felt welcomed, cared for and excited to be living there. Over the years many family members have been in touch with support services such as doctors, nurses, speech pathologists, grounds workers, occupational therapists, physical therapists, social workers, support staff, business administration staff, the priest, and lastly Julie Worthington, the Chaplains' Assistant. Each day he spent there, each person we met or talked to conveyed to us how much they valued Robert Adams and the other veterans. We have nothing but the highest praise for the Veteran's Home. We are so happy because you made his last four years some of his best! Thank you so very much from a grateful family.

Very sincerely,

Elizabeth Adams (daughter-in-law)

❀ Paws with Brandy ❀

... As Lovely as a Tree

Okay, I've heard all the jokes about dogs and trees. And, because I'm a lady dog, you may not think my interest is as great, but trees give us a lot of information. I love them because they're full of life, not just squirrels, but birds and insects. Geese don't roost in them, either. I've had trouble from geese.

Staff and members have been collecting and planting trees since the start of the Home. I'll ask how many kinds we now have, and I'm determined to learn to identify as many kinds as I can. Do your visitors ask you, "What kind of tree is that?" It's embarrassing when you don't know. I'm going to learn one at a time, and I ordered some booklets on identification which I'm going to give out as prizes in a contest.

Let's start with one of the most common, the Douglasfir. Notice how that's all one word? Botanists do that to show it isn't a true fir. It's Latin name, *Pseudotsuga* means "false hemlock." It isn't a hemlock either – it's in a class of its own. One large tree in the middle of the Alameda is closely watched by the squirrels. When the seeds are ripe, they have to compete with several varieties of songbirds, Pine Siskins, Juncos, and Chickadees. Woodpeckers like to hide their seeds in the bark.

The Douglas fir looks as if it was intended to be a Christmas tree, and, sheared, is often used for that by growers. In the wild, they reach heights of 200 feet, but in landscaping, they top out at about 100. Jim Lyle taught me a way to get a close estimate of a tree's height and I'll share that with you next time.

Not all our trees have the same life spans, and some have to be replaced from time to time. Ken Vivian, head Grounds Supervisor, is going to help me update the tree-map; then we'll print it in the Grapevine. Some of the markers at the base of the trees have suffered the ravages of time, too. Why don't some of us tree-lovers get together, raise a bit of money, and replace them? ❀

August Pinochle Tournament Winners – Congratulations to:

- 1st Place Bob Tolson & Bernard Madkins
Each won a \$30 Gift Certificate to Trader Joes'
- 2nd Place John Bolner & Marty Diamond
Each won a \$15 Gift Certificate to Safeway

The new revised Pinochle Tournament rules are working fine. Everyone was able to get home by 8:30pm. Next Tournament is Tuesday, September 9th at 5:30pm in the HRA.



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Anacortes
Community
Forest Lands,
Washington*



Looking out for #1 – Things to Avoid

It's humiliating. Here I am, a gentleman in the prime of life, and what do I get? Acne! (Yes, cats can get acne.) I have an allergy. Are you sure that person said, "I'm allergic to cats?" It may have been, "My cat is allergic." It could be worse. There have been cats and dogs who are allergic to their owners. My person can't wear perfume because of my allergies.

Allergies happen when your immune system makes a mistake. It thinks a substance, harmless to most people, is a threat to you. It causes chemicals to be released into your bloodstream which act on your eyes, nose, throat, lungs, skin or gastrointestinal tract. The reaction can be mild or very severe.

There is no cure, but allergies can be controlled. There are treatments, but the most complete way to prevent an uncomfortable reaction is avoidance. Stay away from substances that bother you. That's not always possible as many of you will find as the fall pollens hit the air.

You may have an allergy and not know it yet because you haven't made the link between the cause and your symptoms. Let's look at the most common causes, and I'll make a confession:

Foods. Many of these are merely annoying, giving you a rash, stuffy nose, or diarrhea. Most specialists list the usual suspects as milk and other dairy products, eggs, wheat, soy, peanuts and tree nuts, and seafood. OKAY! You caught me. I'm allergic to fish. That's embarrassing for a cat, especially when the red hives appear in my gorgeous, large ears.

Insect bites and stings. These can cause a severe, life-threatening reaction in some people. Physicians supply medication to keep with you.

Airborne particles. These are the most common and include pollen from grass, ragweed, and trees, dust mites, mold spores, and animal dander. (Sorry about that.) Some weather stations now give a pollen count so people will know what to expect.

Medicines. Antibiotics are the most common cause, although many others, including over-the-counter ones, can be guilty.

Chemicals. The "green revolution" may have another benefit, withdrawal of chemicals that often cause reactions. These include those found in cosmetics, laundry detergents, dyes, household cleaners, and pesticides.

It is not always easy to find and avoid the substances that cause you problems. When you have a suspect, avoid the item for a while and see if you improve. Avoidance works for foods, medicines and chemicals, but you may need some medicinal help with the others. I'll tell you about that next time.

Section "A" Art Show & BBQ - July 13th



*Photos by
Glen Nock
and Chris
Williams*



Paws for Healing again “Puts on the Dog”

By Lou Zauner; photos by Chris Williams, Lou Zauner



Featuring the music of the Rockin’ Relics, the performing Blues Brothers (with some of our staff singing back-up), and providing soft drinks and ice cream, Paws for Healing (you can call them “Paws”) invited all to an evening fest of human and canine camaraderie, Saturday evening, August 2, at the Gazebo.

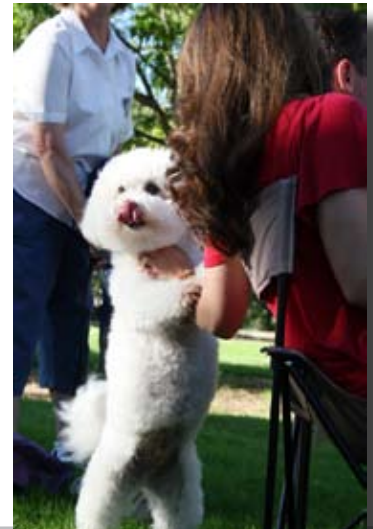


Paws is the area’s therapy pet organization, and the Veterans Home is one of more than 150 facilities that they serve. When newly certified human/animal teams are asked where they wish to be assigned, the answer is often, “The Veterans Home.” “Dogs get along with veterans,” explained a Paws member. Oh, that was a human one, but her dog wagged his tail in agreement.

Our own Therapy Canine, Brandy, presented a fetching picture with the invitation, “Hey there, Good Lookin’ Whatcha got cookin’ Saturday night?” It did bring a number of dog-loving families and their pets to lounge on the lawn and listen to the “rock ‘n roll” while partaking of refreshments. When

The Blues Brothers emerged from the Gazebo, the crowd really got into it and participated with the band.

Did someone mention a request for “You Ain’t Nothin’ But a Hound Dog?”



Trolley Ride into the Past

By Lou Zauner

Twenty-two Home Members were treated to an old fashioned and nostalgic afternoon of riding the trolley and picnicking in much the same manner as those spending a Sunday afternoon in any year from 1910 to 1940. At the Western Railway Museum in Rio Vista on Wednesday, July 23 the we re-lived a slower-paced and gentler way-of-life watching scenery that hadn't changed since 1913 ... except for the 100 new technology-advanced wind turbines.

The Western Railroad Museum is a living tribute to the mode of transportation that helped the families travel before Henry Ford forever changed transportation. Although the railway cars are referred to as trains, they are the electric cars and streetcars that moved the growing population in those nostalgic past-years. Each of the 100 pieces of railroad equipment has its own history, and the suburban electric trains, cars or trolleys were extensively used between the various neighboring counties of Sacramento and San Francisco.

The roundtrip train ride was nine miles long and scattered jackrabbits and red foxes that inhabit the area. Powered by 600 volts, the rock-and-roll ride was part of the fun (so the conductor, John Mason, tried to convince us) and he did relate stories and memories of the times when grandpa and grandma got together on warm evenings and rode the trains for inexpensive entertainment and cool air. Watching the scenery recalled simpler times.

The Western Railroad Museum, located near Rio Vista in Solano County is approximately a 45-minute drive from the Veterans Home. It is a non-profit organization staffed by volunteers to preserve the old rail equipment and the times of nearly 100 years past.

Following the ride was the perfect lunch of fried chicken, potato and macaroni salads and a variety of delicious cookies held in the beautiful, shaded picnic grounds which was surrounded by artifacts of railroad days. Our thanks go to the Activity Department for this unique visit to the past.





Relay For Life

Although the 2008 Napa Relay For Life is history, the experience will live on in our memory. The Veterans Home of Yountville Employee Relay For Life team has worked hard all year long to raise funds in support of the American Cancer Society. Our goal this year was to raise \$10,000. Through our efforts and the support of the home members and employees, we were able to reach our goal! Our team became a Platinum sponsor for the first time. We shared top billing on the event t-shirt and garnered a full page ad and special recognition in the Relay program.

As captain, I would like to recognize the following individuals for joining the team this year: Lisa Accettola, Laura Beaufls, Bart Buechner, Lucy Cain, Suzanna Connors, Dr. Patricia Dizmang, Matt Emge, Olive Estella, Katrina Ferguson, Pat Gardiner (retired), Carla Herren, Patricia Jordon, Lynn Kassab, Bonnie Leporiere, Tim Luce, Pam Marietti, Debbie Mayes, Marcella McCormack, Cathy McLeod, Diana Metz, Sharon Parda, Patsy Potter, Greg Philips, Maria Russell, Cathy Sapata, Kelly Thomas, Joe Torres, Sue Vanderpool, Julie Worthington, Karen Zanetell, Lily Hernandez (former employee)

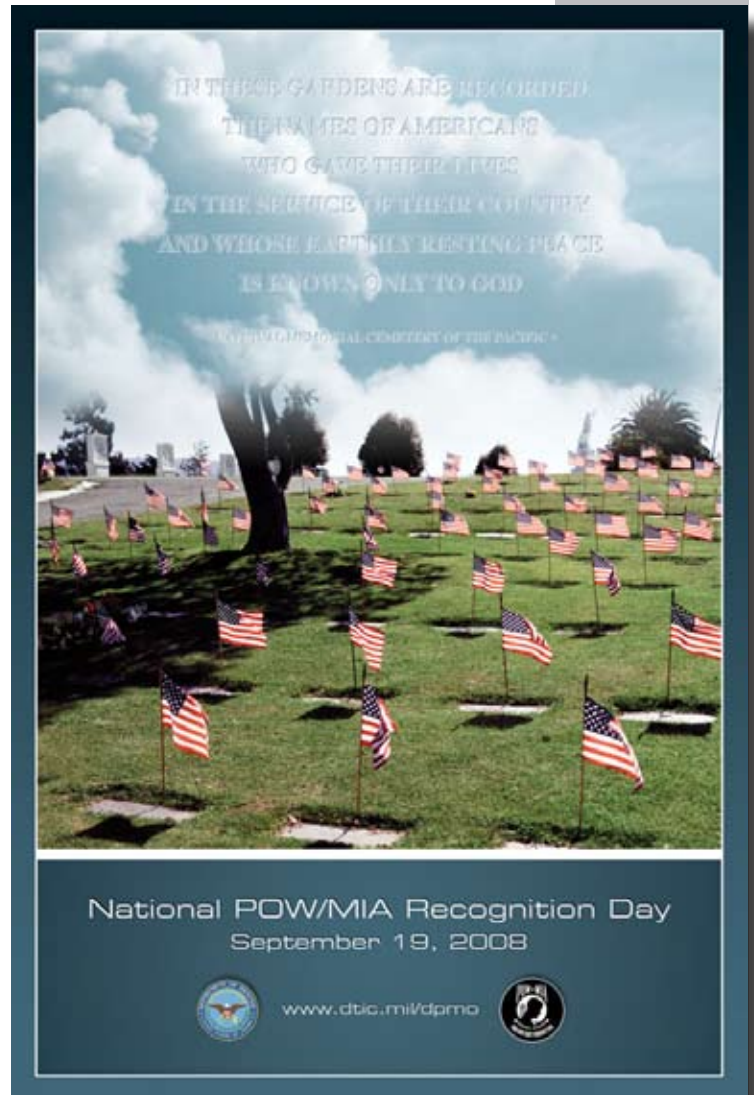
I would like to thank the team members, their family and friends for making this year our best ever! Many team members and their families (you know who you are) assisted me in many ways throughout the year and during the event. I realize that I can not do it alone... it is a team effort! I am also grateful to our administration for supporting our efforts.

The American Cancer Society is working with Relay For Life Communities like ours to eliminate cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. If cancer touches your life in some way, they will be there for support. The new theme for this year was, "Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back!" Celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer and won. The strength of survivors inspires others to continue their fight. The opening ceremony and survivor's lap inspire us all. Remember loved ones lost to the disease. The luminaria ceremony honors both survivors and those who lost their battle with the disease. Our team had over 150 luminaria bags and their light, along with the thousands of others, lit the way for the participants well into the early morning. The luminaria cere-

2008 National POW/MIA Recognition Day

A Pentagon ceremony for National POW/MIA Recognition Day will be held on Friday, Sept. 19, 2008. This ceremony will feature troops from each of the military services. The president will issue a proclamation commemorating the observances and reminding the nation of those Americans who have sacrificed so much for their country.

Observances of National POW/MIA Recognition Day are held across the country on military installations, ships at sea, state capitols, schools and veterans' facilities. This observance is one of six days throughout the year that Congress has mandated the flying of the National League of Families' POW/MIA flag. The others are Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day. The flag is to be flown at major military installations, national cemeteries, all post offices, VA medical facilities, the World War II Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the official offices of the secretaries of state, defense and veterans affairs, the director of the selective service system and the White House.



Relay continued

mony is very emotional but it also gives you hope. It is hope that lights the way as the candles burn in memory or in honor of someone. Lastly, we Fight Back because we all want to put an end to this disease. Because cancer has taken too much away from us.

So, with the 2008 Relay For Life behind us, we will strive to fight back 365 days a year. We can all make a difference in some way. Thanks for your support.

Cathy Vincent, Team Captain

Elms fall victim to disease

Ken Vivian, Acting Grounds Supervisor; photo by Glenn Nock



On July 21st the County Ag Dept took a core sample of three of our American Elms in the entrance way and determined that they have Graphium and Sporothrix stages of Ophiostoma Ulmi, (Dutch Elm Disease.) In order to keep this disease from spreading these trees had to be removed as soon as possible.

On Monday August 18, 2008 Professional tree care began removing these trees to prevent the loss of more of these beautiful trees. We will replace these trees in the same spot as soon as we are able. Also we have a dead

black walnut tree near the Section F and E parking lot that will be removed as well. Thank you for your understanding.

Main Dining Room Meal Price Increase

From Sharon Parda

Effective September 1, 2008 the price of meals in the Main Dining Room will be \$6.00 for staff and guests.

Prices may vary if it is a special meal, i.e., Holiday or Theme Meal.

This same price increase will apply to guest trays in licensed care areas.

Monday September 1 Labor Day Lunch meal will be \$10.00 for staff and guests.

Short and Funny

I was always taught to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find one.

Craft Gifts at Dining Hall

By Lou Zauner

On Mondays and Wednesdays, at the Dining Hall during the lunch hours, a table of craft items will be displayed for "the taking."

Tim Barker, for Help Hospitalized Veterans, want to increase distribution of these valuable crafts, which need to be distributed to not only Hospital Residents but to other Home Members that participate in craft artistry.

It is anticipated that an important craft show and distribution event will take place in the Hospital Recreation area during Christmas Holidays, so watch for announcements. In the meantime, check the Dining Hall table on Mondays and Wednesdays for noontime gifts.

“Hit Man” E-mail Scam Returns



Two new versions of the scheme began appearing in July 2008. One instructed the recipient to contact a telephone number contained in the e-mail and the other claimed the recipient or a “loved one” was going to be kidnapped unless a ransom was paid. Recipients of the kidnapping threat were told to respond via e-mail within 48 hours. The sender was to provide the location of the wire transfer five minutes before the deadline and was threatened with bodily harm if the ransom was not received within 30 minutes of the time frame given. The recipients’ personally identifiable information (PII) was included in the e-mail to promote the appearance that the sender actually knew the recipient and their location.

Perpetrators of Internet crimes often use fictitious names, addresses, telephone numbers, and threats or warnings regarding the failure to comply to further their schemes. In some instances, the use of names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers of government officials and business executives, and/or the victims’ PII are used in an attempt to make the fraud appear more authentic.

Consumers always need to be alert to unsolicited e-mails. Do not open unsolicited e-mails or click on any embedded links, as they may contain viruses or malware. Providing your PII will compromise your identity!

Attention all Veterans Home Staff:

The Nut Tree Family Theme Park in Vacaville sympathizes with the budget crisis we’re in and is offering ***Free Unlimited Ride Passes*** (bracelet) to all state employees that show their state ID badge at the entrance/admission booth. All family members with the state employee receive a 50% discount on the unlimited ride bracelet, which will then be equivalent to about \$5 per person. This offer ends October 2, 2008.

Hope you and your family will have fun.

Library Magazines

The Lincoln Library subscribes to 60 plus monthly and weekly periodicals. This has always been one of our most popular services that we provide to ALL MEMBERS. It seems lately that our magazines are being removed from the library. We would love for everyone to get a chance to read each publication of each magazine so remember to leave it in the library when you have finished.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

Library Staff



After the Dust Settles

“Journalism is the rough draft of history.” Perhaps, but how is it winnowed out? Both the current and former presidents are concerned about their legacies, but it’s too soon to make a final judgment. Fifty years is an often-used standard for enough time to lend some distance. After that, historians can have their say, but their opinions may still be colored by their own political positions.

A 1982 survey asked 250 historians to list the best presidents, but they were first asked to describe themselves as ‘liberal’ or ‘conservative’. The result;

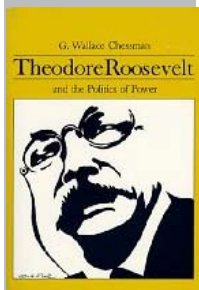
Liberals

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3. Washington
4. Jefferson
5. Theodore Roosevelt

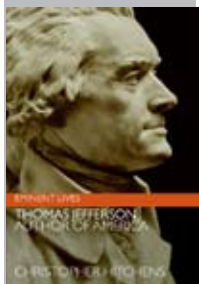
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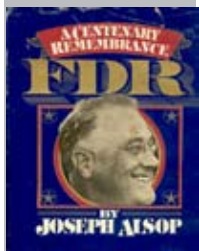
You can get near-agreementif you wait long enough.



More biographies of Lincoln have been written than any other president, and Washington’s reputation is secure. Lincoln Library (appropriate, wot?) has good bios of the other three, all in large print and all under 300 pages. *Theodore Roosevelt and the Politics of Power* by G. Wallace Chessman is a look at “the first modern president.” He had to deal with the stresses of industrialism at home and world imperialism abroad. The presumptive Republican nominee has said that “T.R.” is his role model.



A recent book, *Thomas Jefferson, Author of America* by Christopher Hitchens, examines the man who never wished to be president. An awkward speaker, he wrote the documents that are the foundation of our nation and which set it on its path. His prodigious abilities were hailed by President Kennedy when he hosted a dinner for Nobel laureates. He hailed them with “this is the greatest gathering of talent at this table since Thomas Jefferson dined alone.”



Joseph Alsop’s *FDR, a Centenary Remembrance* seeks to capture “the most enigmatic of all our major presidents.” Alsop is awed by Roosevelt’s sense of timing and his boldness. We might take comfort from the author’s optimism. “When our nation has been in real danger, a leader has always come forth in the time of need to see the United States through its peril.”

Napa Valley Symphony



**Sat,
Sep 13
8:00pm**

Direct from Disney World's EPCOT Center, internationally acclaimed Mariachi Cobre will perform with the Modesto Symphony Orchestra, serenading us with music from Mexico and around the world. Mariachi Cobre's performances have mesmerized audiences from around the world. They have a way of lifting the soul, of conveying the richness and emotional power of mariachi music.

**Sun,
Sep 14
5:00pm**



Mariachi Cobre will introduce you to one of the most highly developed folk traditions in the Western Hemisphere. Like the legendary dance bands of Cuba, Mexico's mariachi tradition has roots in the chamber orchestras of Baroque Europe, the indigenous music of the Native Americans, the rhythmic drive of West African music, and the passion of Spanish folk and flamenco music.

Mariachi Cobre play with the powerful emotions of joy and love, in the true spirit of their musical heritage - enjoy the best of this exhilarating band!

"Manga and Anime: An Exhibition of Popular Cartoon Art" at the Napa Valley Museum through Sunday, September 14, 2008



Manga is a form of cartoon strip that emerged in Japan after the Second World War, and Anime is the animation version of Manga.

Manga exports appeared in the United States with English translations, becoming more and more popular through the 70s, 80s and 90s. Now, a sub-genre of Original English Language (OEL) Manga has developed, with American-drawn cartoons competing with their Japanese counterparts.

Contemporary Manga is realistic yet stylized, often grim, pensive or violent. Manga artists do not shy away from unhappy endings, even death, and spandex-clad, muscled heroes, of the type seen in Marvel or DC Comics in America, rarely appear.

The "Manga and Anime" exhibition at the Napa Valley Museum provides a snapshot of the current Manga and Anime scene. Viewers will see gifted amateur and professional art work, learn about the high points of Manga history, and gain some insight into the cross-cultural phenomenon that is Manga.



September 2008



**Sun,
Sep 14**

1:00PM

Red Grammer Critically acclaimed and Grammy nominated recording artist Red Grammer has set the gold standard for writing and performing contemporary children's music. In this playful and engaging show "peace" lives and breathes, laughs and sings! Red's "Teaching Peace" CD has been called "one of the top five children's recordings of all time" by the All Music Guide and has won a Parent's Choice "Classic Award". This show is all that and more, live and in person!

**Tue,
Sep 23**

7:00PM



The Kingston Trio and The Brothers Four In 1957 The Kingston Trio emerged from San Francisco's North Beach club scene to take the country by storm, bringing the rich tradition of American folk music into the mainstream for the first time. During the late 50s & early 60s, the Trio enjoyed unprecedented record sales and worldwide fame, while influencing the musical tastes of a generation. Over the years, the Trio has played on, remaining popular for a simple reason... great songs that sound as good today as the first time you heard them. Since the early 1960s **The Brothers Four** have played thousands of college concerts, sung for four different U.S. presidents at the White House, appeared at countless Community Concerts, performed with symphony orchestras and jazz stars and toured dozens of foreign countries. They are truly "America's Musical Ambassadors to the World."

**Wed,
Sep 24**

8:00PM



Nunsense - starring Sally Struthers - "A hail of fun and frolic- Nunsense, like the holy mother church, is a bona fide institution." - *New York Times*

Nunsense begins when the Little Sisters of Hoboken discover that their cook has accidentally poisoned 52 of the sisters, and they are in dire need of burial funds. The sisters decide to raise the money by staging a variety show, so they take over the school auditorium, which is currently set up for a production of "Grease." Characters such as Reverend Mother Regina, a former circus performer and the delightfully wacky Sister Mary Amnesia, the nun who lost her memory when a crucifix fell on her head fill this show which has become an international phenomenon with more than 5,000 worldwide productions, it has been translated into 21 languages.

September 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Italian Meatball Sandwich Green Salad \$ 5.50	2 Fried Chicken Fries \$ 5.00	3 Sombrero Salad Rice, Beans \$ 5.50	4 Meatloaf Mashed Potato Veggies \$ 5.50	5 Captains Plate Fries, Cole Slaw \$ 6.50	6 Breakfast Special 1 Pancake, 1 Egg 2 Bacon or Links \$ 3.50
7 Breakfast Special 1 Egg, 1 Bacon, 1 Toast ½ Hash Browns \$ 2.75	8 Spaghetti Salad Garlic Bread \$ 5.50	9 Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potato, Veggies \$ 5.50	10 Chile Relleno Rice Beans \$ 5.50	11 Grilled Turkey, Bacon, Swiss Sandwich Onion Rings \$ 5.50	12 Fried Shrimp Fries Salad \$ 6.00	13 Breakfast Special Strawberry Waffle 2 Bacon \$ 3.50
14 Breakfast Special 2 Egg Ham Omelet, 1 Toast \$ 3.50	15 BBQ Beef Sandwich Fries \$ 5.50	16 Fried Chicken Mashed Potato Veggies \$ 5.50	17 Taco's Rice Beans \$ 5.50	18 Chicken Strips Fries Salad \$ 5.50	19 Crab Salad Sandwich Green Salad \$ 5.50	20 Breakfast Special Huevos Rancheros Tortilla, 2egg-Beans ½ Hash browns \$ 2.75
21 Breakfast Special 1 French Toast 1 Egg 2 Bacon or Links \$ 3.50	22 French Dip Sandwich Potato Salad \$ 5.50	23 Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potato, Veggies \$ 5.50	24 Chicken Quesadilla Rice, Beans \$ 5.50	25 Lasagna Salad Garlic Bread \$ 5.50	26 Grilled Tuna Sandwich Fries \$ 5.50	27 Breakfast Special 2 Egg Omelet 1 Bacon, 1 Toast \$ 3.50
28 Breakfast Special 1 Waffle 1 Egg, 1 Bacon \$ 3.25	29 Grilled Chicken Breast Sandwich Macaroni Salad \$ 5.50	30 Fried Chicken Fries \$ 5.00				
Homemade Soup daily / Breakfast served till 11:30 /Indoor / Outdoor Seating /Open 7:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. for Hot Food /Large Menu to Choose From/ 2 TV's/ Tavern Service 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m./Karaoke Friday Night/ Lottery 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. daily / 8:00-Noon Weekends						



Suscol Intertribal Council Presents 15th Annual Pow-wow "Unity of All Tribes"



**Saturday & Sunday Oct 4th-5th, 2008
11 am – Dusk at the Main Picnic Grounds**

Traditional California Dancers: Point Arena Rancheria Pomo Singers

Azteca Dancers: Danca Xtlalli

Northern Drum: "Swift Cloud"

Southern Drum: "Southern Brothers"/Sacramento

Mr. Suscol Intertribal: Bear Carr /Blackfoot Pigeon

Head Man: Percy Edwards /Colville/Nez Pierce

Head Woman: April Jackson /Pomo, Upper Lake

Head Teen Boy: Daniel Swimmer/ Lakota

Head Teen Girl: Angelina Swimmer/Lakota

Head Boy: Jonathan Swimmer/Lakota

Head Girl: Gouyen Brown / Upper Lake Pomo



MC: Joe Smith/ Lakota

Assistant MC: George Snyder/ Choctaw

Arena Director: Dennis Carr/Blackfoot Pigeon

All Drums and Dancers Invited...CONTESTS!

FREE~ OPEN to PUBLIC...Families welcome!

Bring a blanket or chair

Food and Craft vendors available

Info: # (707) 256-3561

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The 15th Annual "Byron Hall Memorial Picnic"

The American Merchant Marine Veterans, Golden Gate Chapter will hold its annual picnic for the residents on Saturday, September 20th in the Hospital Recreation Area (HRA) beginning at 11:30am. Lunch will include barbecued chicken, hot dogs, chili beans, salads, desserts and coffee, beer and soda.

Residential Care Special Events

Note *** As of June 1st ***

Activities office needs to be notified at least forty eight (48) hours before trip for cancellations.

Please call 707-944-4900. "No Shows" will be stand-by only for future trips for one month.

Date		Time	Event	Local	Bus	Signup
1	Mon	10:00am	Rivercats vs. Fresno		MDR	Yes
6	Sat	9:30am	Horse Racing-Santa Rosa		MDR	Yes
		11:00am	Vietnam Veterans Picnic	MPG		
8	Mon	10:00am	Shopping: Super WalMart		MDR	Yes
9	Tue	5:30pm	Pinochle Tournament	HRA		Yes
10	Wed	10:00am	Allied Council Meeting	HRA		
11	Thu	10:00am	Remembrance Service	CHP		
		12:30pm	LeMelange/Library Trip - Napa		MDR	Yes
12	Fri	11:00am	SBC Sports Jamboree	MPG		
13	Sat	11:00am	Picnic: AMVETS	HRA		
		8:00pm	Napa Symphony, Mariachi Cobre	LT		Yes
14	Sun	11:00am	Picnic: Cooties	1/C/1D		
		1:00pm	Red Grammer	LT		Yes
		5:00pm	Napa Symphony: Mariachi Cobre	LT		Yes
15	Mon	10:00am	Shopping: Fairfield		MDR	Yes
16	Tue	8:15am	Angel Island Tour		MDR	Yes
17	Wed	10:00am	Jelly Belly Factory Tour - Fairfield		MDR	Yes
18	Thu	10:00am	Oakland "A's" vs. LA Angels		MDR	Yes
19	Fri	8:15am	San Francisco Ferry Trip		MDR	Yes
		10:45am	Bunch for Lunch: TGI Friday		MDR	Yes
20	Sat	8:15am	Napa River Fishing Trip		MDR	Yes
		11:00am	Picnic: Merchant Marine	HRA		
21	Sun	7:30am	Napa Senior Breakfast		MDR	Yes
22	Mon	8:15am	Napa Yacht: Sight Seeing Trip		MDR	Yes
		10:00am	Shopping: Vacaville Outlets		MDR	Yes
23	Tue	7:00pm	Kingston Trio and Brothers Four	LT		Yes
24	Wed	10:15am	Horse Racing: Golden Gate Field		MDR	Yes
		8:00pm	Nunsense with Sally Struthers	LT		Yes
25	Thu	12:30pm	LeMelange/Library Trip - Napa		MDR	Yes
		6:00pm	Napa Bowling		MDR	Yes
27	Sat	8:00am	Wheel Chair Regatta - Alameda		MDR	Yes
28	Sun	8:15am	Clearlake Modelers Radio Control		MDR	?
30	Tue	9:15am	Anchor Steam Brewery Tour		MDR	Yes

All activities are subject to change. Sign up early! Activities can fill quickly...Call at 4900

Key – 1C/1D: Hospital 1C/1D patio; BOR: Borman Field; CHP: Chapel; FP: Fishing Pond; GH: Grant Hall; HL: Hospital Lobby; HRA: Hospital Recreation Area; LIB: Lincoln Library (Section G basement), LT: Lincoln Theater; MDR: Main Dining Room; MPG: Main Picnic Grounds; CS: Coffee Shop/Tavern (Section G main floor); VHC: Veterans Home Cemetery; VGC: Vintners Golf Course; XII: Annex II; YNT: Yountville; YVP: Yountville Veterans Park.

Vintage Movies in the HRA

Monday & Tuesday at 6 PM

Monday: Musicals or Comedies & Tuesday: Drama or Western

Movies begin at 6:00pm and bus transportation is provided following the movie.

Date	Title & Info	Stars
Sep 1, Mon	Till the Clouds Roll By ★★½ 1945, 135 min.	June Allyson, Judy Garland, Van Heflin, Lena Horne
Sep 2, Tue	Blood and Sand ★★★ 1941, 125 min.	Tyrone Power, Linda Darnell, Rita Hayworth
Sep 8, Mon	Girl Crazy ★★★½ 1943, 100 min.	Mickey Rooney, Judy Garland, Tommy Dorsey Orchestra
Sep 9, Tue	<i>No Movie – Pinochle Tournament at 5:30pm</i>	
Sep 15, Mon	Oklahoma ★★★½ 1955, 145 min.	Gordan MacRae, Shirley Jones, Gloria Graham, Gene Nelson
Sep 16, Tue	The Snows of Kilimanjaro ★★★ 1952, 117 min.	Gregory Peck, Ava Gardner, Susan Hayward
Sep 22, Mon	Sun Valley Serenade ★★★ 1941, 86 min.	Sonja Henie, John Payne, Glenn Miller Orchestra
Sep 23, Tue	A Breath of Scandal ★★ 1960, 100 min.	Sophia Loren, Maurice Chevalier, John Gavin, Angela Lansbury
Sep 29, Mon	Kismet ★★½ 1955, 113 min.	Ann Blythe, Howard Keel, Monty Woolley, Vic Damone
Sep 30, Tue	Knock on any Door ★★½ 1949, 100 min.	Humphrey Bogart, George Macready, John Derek, Allene Roberts

Menda's Jewelry

Silver, Gold & Diamond Jewelry

Wednesday and Thursday, September 3rd and 4th
9 am to 4 pm in the HRA

Layaway plans and major credit cards accepted.

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY MOVIES IN THE HRA

WED, SEPT 3 – CAPTAINS COURAGEOUS

1937 Sea adventure stars Spencer Tracy in Oscar winning role. Cast: Freddie Bartholomew, Lionel Barrymore, Mervyn Douglas, Caredine and Mickey Rooney. Fine production of Kipling story. ★★★★★ Not Rated

FRI, SEPT 5 – BERNARD & DORIS

New (2008) drama based on true story of tobacco billionaires Doris Duke and devoted butler Bernard and their unconventional bond. Stars Susan Sarandon and Ralph Fiennes. ★★★ PG-13

WED, SEPT 10 - VERTIGO

1958 Alfred Hitchcock romantic thriller stars James Stewart and Kim Novak. Filmed in and around San Francisco. ★★★★★ Not Rated

FRI, SEPT 12 - FLAWLESS

New (2008) suspense-drama stars Demi Moore and Michael Caine in 1960 London insider diamond robbery gone wrong. ★★★ PG-13

WED, SEPT 17 – GREYSTOKE: THE LEGEND OF TARZAN

1984 retelling of Edgar Rice Burroughs' "Lord of the Apes." Stars Christopher Lambert, Andie MacDowell and Sir Ralph Richardson. Very good British production. ★★★ PG

FRI, SEPT 19 – IN BRUGES

New (2007) drama stars Colin Farrell, Ralph Fiennes and Brendon Gleeson. Colorful characters absurd situations and great plot in interesting European setting. ★★★ R

WED, SEPT 24 – ANGELS WITH DIRTY FACES

1938 story of boyhood friends who grow up to become gangster (James Cagney) and priest (Pat O'Brien). Cast: Humphrey Bogart, Anne Sheridan and Dead End Kids. Directed by M. Curtiz. ★★★ Not rated.

FRI, SEPT 26 – UNDER THE SAME MOON

New (2007) adventure tells of 9-yr-old boy who lives with grandmother in Mexico while mother cleans homes in L.A. When grandmother dies, he leaves in search of his mom. ★★½ PG-13

Ratings of Motion Picture Association of America: G - movie suitable for general audiences; PG - parental guidance suggested; PG-13 - Recommended for viewers 13 or above. May contain material inappropriate for younger children; R - recommended for viewers 17 or older; NC-17 - intended for adults only.



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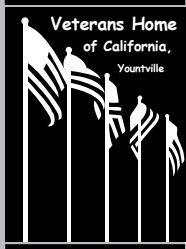
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Good Film

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